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National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Hugh Montgomery, Director
Intelligence and Research, Department of State

FROM : Chairman, National Intelligence Council

SUBJECT : Intelligence Support for US Policy Toward Libya

1. We have your memorandum of 29 October regarding intelligence support to US policy deliberations on Libya, and agree the community should have been involved in providing coordinated finished assessments of the several factors which you highlighted. Unfortunately, our sense of the present state of play is that we are well beyond the point where such an effort will make much difference.

2. As you may know, there have already been a series of ad hoc policy level meetings on the Libyan question. We have staffed several working papers for these in support of the DCI and the Secretaries of State and Defense. These inputs are, we understand, being melded into the policy process.

3. Consequently, we feel that production of interagency memoranda such as you propose -- even if written, coordinated, and published on a fast-track basis -- would be essentially redundant. Indeed, they would probably merely tie down scarce analytic resources both here and in INR for no appreciable gain in either insight or impact. We sense and share your underlying unease at the manner in which intelligence support has been handled on this subject, and suggest we coordinate more closely in the future to avoid a repetition.

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MEMORANDUM

October 29, 1981

TO: Henry S. Rowen
Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: INR - Hugh Montgomery

SUBJECT: Intelligence Support for US Policy Toward Libya

As you know, policymakers are focusing on the threat Qadhafi's actions pose to our interests. Among the possible courses of US response are economic actions against Libya. The IG chaired by NEA is considering some of these measures; the NSC has mounted its own effort to sort out policy toward Libya.

In the midst of these deliberations, it seems to us that the intelligence community can be of great service to the policymakers by looking into the following topics:

(1) The reactions of US allies to US policies toward Libya, including possible economic sanctions;

(2) The impact and effectiveness of an anti-Qadhafi propaganda campaign;

(3) Libyan monetary reserves (including how much is in the US and where); and

(4) Alternatives to Libyan oil.

A community effort would be particularly valuable on the first two subjects. We are asking, therefore, that interagency intelligence memoranda be prepared on them on a priority basis. At a minimum, we need the drafts by Thursday, November 5 to make the appropriate contributions to the policy process.

On items three and four, we are asking for shorter, less formal responses--perhaps as interagency memoranda cleared at the working level.

INR will be happy to work closely with your staff in refining the terms of reference and in contributing to the drafting process.

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